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pages. Thus, it is clear that applicant filed two distinct applications on 15 January 2003. Applicant has suggested three possible avenues of relief. Applicant is advised that the papers filed with the USPTO on 15 January 2003 and containing the stamp thereon will be removed from the present international application file and used to create a new, separate 35 U.S.C. 111(a) application file.

CONCLUSION

As detailed above, applicant's petition is **GRANTED**.

The application will be forwarded to Office of Initial Patent Examination for processing as a regular national application under 35 U.S.C. 111(a) with a filing date of 15 January 2003.



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